

In the Claims

A full listing of the claims follows:

1. (Currently amended) An insert to be inserted into a casting cavity of a casting mold, which is used for the casting of metals, and has a casting cavity, having a body (3) comprising a feeder insert, which extends along a bodyfeeder insert longitudinal axis, (7) and has a body wherein the feeder insert comprises a feeder insert cavity, (6), the body (3) being constructed from at least one a first shaped body (4), which has a for connecting opening (10) by means of which the bodyfeeder insert cavity (6) can be connected to the casting cavity, and a second shaped body (5) which is placed onto the first shaped body (4), characterized in that wherein the first shaped body (4) is embodied as comprises an energy-absorbing device.
2. (Currently amended) The insert as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the first shaped body (4) has, or constitutes, energy absorbing device comprises a deforming element (8).
3. (Currently amended) The insert as claimed in claim 1—or 2, characterized in that the second shaped body (5)—is supported on the first shaped body (4).

4. (Currently amended) The insert as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the outer envelope of the first shaped body has a substantially tubular ~~or bowl-shaped~~ design.

5. (Currently amended) The insert as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 2, characterized in that the deforming element ~~(8)~~ is embodied as comprises a bellows shaped component.

6. (Currently amended) The insert as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the bellows ~~has~~ shaped component comprises segments ~~(14)~~ which are inclined at an angle ~~(16)~~ of 0° to 80°, preferably 30° to 60° relative to the bodyfeeder insert longitudinal axis ~~(7)~~.

7. (Currently amended) The insert as claimed in claim 5 or 6, characterized in that the ~~extent~~ (17) length of the segments ~~(14)~~ between bends ~~(15)~~ of the bellows shaped component is between 0.1 and 10% of the ~~extent~~ (11) of the an overall length of the bellows shaped component in the direction of the bodyfeeder insert longitudinal axis ~~(7)~~.

8. (Currently amended) The insert as claimed in ~~one of claims 5 to 7~~ Claim 5, characterized in that the ~~extent~~ (11) of distance of the bellows shaped component in the

direction of the body feeder insert longitudinal axis ~~(7)~~ is between 20 and 80% of the height ~~(12)~~ of the first shaped body ~~(4)~~.

9. (Currently amended) The insert as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the first shaped body ~~(4)~~ is formed from an irreversibly deformable material.
10. (Currently amended) The insert as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the first and second shaped bodies ~~(4, 5)~~ are formed as one piece.
11. (Currently amended) The insert as claimed in claim 9 or 10, characterized in that the deformable material is a metal.
12. (Currently amended) The insert as claimed in ~~one of claims 9 to 11~~ Claim 9, characterized in that the deformable material is steel.
13. (Original) The insert as claimed in claim 12, characterized in that the steel has a carbon content of more than 0.05% by weight.
14. (Currently amended) The insert as claimed in ~~one of the~~

~~preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the first shaped body ~~(4)~~ narrows in the direction of ~~the~~ a connecting opening ~~(10)~~ into the casting cavity of the casting mold.

15. (Currently amended) The insert as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the first shaped body ~~(4)~~ has an annular support face ~~(13)~~ for supporting the second shaped body ~~(5)~~.
16. (Currently amended) The insert as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the second shaped body ~~(5)~~ has a centering recess for holding a centering mandrel.
17. Canceled
18. (New) The insert as claimed in Claim 1 characterized in that the first shaped body has a substantially bowl shape.
19. (New) The insert as claimed in Claim 5 characterized in that the bellows shaped component comprises segments inclined at an angle of 30° to 60° relative to the feeder insert longitudinal axis.

Basis for Amendments to Claims

The applicant has amended each claim of the application to put them in proper condition for review by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, without adding any new subject matter. In addition, the applicant has added new claims 18 and 19. Claim 18 corresponds to Claim 4, claiming the second alternative embodiment for the first shaped body.

Claim 19 corresponds to Claim 6, claiming the preferably angles for the segments of the bellows shaped component. No new subject matter is introduced by any of these amendments.